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## PARKING PROBLEM STILL IN STUDY

By Brian Murray

Oyster River High School has a parking problem, but no one knows what to do about it. Every year there are hundreds of suggestions and comments about it, but every solution creates one more problem. The latest solution to the problem says Mrs. Brown the new principal, is to remove the median strip to create another row of parking. She said that a couple of years ago an architect drew up plans that involved removing the median and building a separate entrance for the buses. This would divide the bus pick-up from the rest of the parking lot. Due to the new elementary school

Preview of drama program of 1988-89 school year

## FALL PLAY BRINGS AGATHA CHRISTIE TO O.R. STAGE

by Jeff Barbour

The three drama productions this year will be "The Hollow", a murder mystery; "Our Town", the novice play; and "Oklahoma", this years musical.

There will be approximately 140 students in this year's plays and about 50 others working on set construction, lights, and props.

The cast has already been set for "The Hollow". It is directed by Richard

## Shock and disbelief as another D.W.I. brings tragedy to an O.R. family

The pain and sorrow is never so deep until it hits home. Drunk driving accidents happen to other people in other towns, in other states but not here. The hearts of all the Oyster river students go out to the family and friends of Tracey Fournier in their time of sorrow. Tracey was struck by a drunk driver on October 9th. She was pronounced dead on October 11th.

being built in Madbury, the money tht would have gone towards remodeling the parking lot has been put towards the new school, therefore putting the parking lot on hold one more time.

Most students do not feel there is a problem now, but in the spring it will become an issue again. Juli Boulard, a junior said "There isn't a parking problem now, but in the spring when all of the sophmores get their licenses, then it's a problem."



Tappan and 12 roles have been cast. It will be the first time Tappan has directed for two years. The cast includes: Peter Talbot, Maureen Fleming, Jessica Winston, Alexandria Brink, John Gray, Gina Christenson, Veronique Wall, Bill Myers, Pam Lowy, Fred Luciano, Dan Carr, Blake Tucker, and Todd Whitten.

"The Hollow" was written by Agatha Christie and it is a murder mystery based on a lover's triangle. "Henry and Lucy Angkatell have invited a house full of guests to their Caribbean home, The Hollow. They are mostly family, except for John Cristow whose allure with women ignites jealousies and draws battle lines. But unravelling the clues and the motives becomes a puzzle that "...only Inspector Colquhoun can piece together.", according to Tappan. The problems focus around John Cristow, a handsome doctor with a weakness for women.

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## DUKAKIS DEFEATS BUSH BY FIVE VOTES IN POLL

By Jeff Barbour

Dukakis won Tuesday's mock election at O.R.H.S. by five votes. The election was extremely close but the "Duke" prevailed by the narrow margin of 94 student votes to 89.

In the gubernatorial race Judd Gregg defeated Paul McEachern also by a slim margin. Gregg defeated McEachern by six votes; 89 to 83 votes.

Students favored the shutdown of Seabrook Power Station. The votes tallied to 109 to 76 against opening. According to observers this may be invalid because of confusion on the ballot. The confusion had to do with the wording of the question on the ballot, and some may have been confused.

Some of the reasons for the O.R. results are the diff-

erent view points of the students. Tod Bicknell likes Bush because he is a Republican and he supports the Republican way of thinking.

"less government with more jobs and more money."

Dukakis, on the other hand, was also favored by O.R. David Hill voted Dukakis because he "couldn't imagine Dan Quayle as President." Fred Luciano said that he doesn't like Bush and thought that Dukakis "did a good job in Mass." Chris Mautz likes Dukakis because he says, "Bush is riding on the coattails of Reagan."

The total number of votes in the mock election of Dukakis and Bush was 184 out of the 500 students at the Oyster River High School.





## NO CHANGE IN SMOKING RULES

By Scott Grumbling

Mrs. Anne Draper Brown announced today that she is against opening the smoking section. She said in a press conference in Journalism class, that if she received a petition from students to open up the smoking section again, she would bring it forward to the school board, but added that she would give her recommendation that it not be reopened.

Mrs. Brown, a smoker herself who is slowly kicking the habit, described smoking as a bad habit. She also described the unfairness of allowing teachers a place to smoke, yet forbidding students the right to smoke at all. She did note that it would be better, if the teachers smoking room be abolished, in order to help set an example for the students.

Mrs. Brown continued to go into detail about the smoking area for the few faculty members who use it. The room is a small storage closet full of books at the end of the second floor, which is dark and reeks of cigarette smoke that lingers throughout the room.

By Chris Keefe

Ms. Winterbottom "wasn't thrilled when she heard about her possible new job as assistant principal, but after realizing she could "make the school a better place for the kids" she changed her mind.

Ms. Winterbottom believes that the two roles of rule enforcer and student advocate can exist in the same person. When asked about stopping people from going downtown during lunch, Ms. Winterbottom said that she "intends to be visible."

Ms. Winterbottom also stated that the Durham police contacted the school and volunteered to pick up kids for being downtown during lunch. No

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She also noted that she does not smoke while at school. However she was observed by three students lighting up a cigarette while at the bonfire.

## NEW ROLE IS A CHALLENGE FOR ASS'T PRINC. WINTERBOTTOM, BUT SHE'S PREPARED



woman

It takes a tough ~~man~~ to do a tough job. Move over, Clint Eastwood.

decision has been reached by the school yet if they will follow up on the offer. A few other points Ms. Winterbottom mentioned about her new job included that she "plans to enforce the no smoking on campus policy." She also said that she is looking into the problem of no available free space, or hang-out space for students to be.

As a short summary of her hopes for the new year, Ms. Winterbottom said "I know that kids are good, I love my work and really hope we can make it a great year." She also said that "I mainly choose to work here because the kids are great, I love the school, and the possibilities are simply endless."



## FUNDRAISERS BOOST CLASS TREASURIES

By Chris Dubois

The senior class has already raised its treasury by five hundred and ninety dollars this school year from the combined effort of a dance and carwash. This year should be prosperous for all classes due to many fund-raising activities that are planned. According to Jeff Tagliaferro the senior class has tentative plans for a ski trip, trip to the Works Athletics Club, and possibly a trip on the Viking Sun in the spring.

The Junior class has a dance and carwash planned for the weekend of October fifteenth.

Class president Bill Myers said they are working to have a carnival in December. This would include various booths each containing different activities and contests for prizes.

Sophomore class president Debbie Kline is working on a class dance at the Works sometime in October as well as a school dance November tenth. The sophomores would also like to have a trip to Canobie Lake Park this spring.

The Freshman have not made any plans to date due to the fact that their class officers were just recently elected.



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# FEATURES

## GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE TEAM FACES KEARSARGE ON NOV. 17th

by Eric Gibson

This years Granite Challenge team for Oyster River High School is; Seniors Pat Casey, Mike Voll, Matt Provencher, and Bang Yen Lin; Juniors Christine Hamlet and Sean O'Neill. The coach of this years team is Ellen Perry an Oyster River History and World Cultures teacher.

The general outlook by students not on the team is either, "I don't know anything about it." or, "I think it would be a great experience for students." Some of the teams reactions to Granite State; Pat

Casey was quoted as saying, "I think the candidates look very qualified." Mike Voll said, "The teams look more qualified than in past competitions."

Susan Smith, a language teacher at Oyster River and Peter Stoykovich a math teacher also of Oyster River attended many of the practice sessions to see, "who reacts the quickest and to see which kids are strong in different areas," said Smith. Stoykovich was also asked his opinion and quoted as saying, "that it is a great experience for students to participate in."

According to Perry the practice sessions were on Mondays after school from 2:45 to 3:45. The students then took a written test on Monday October 3rd, which went from 2:50 to 3:30 after school. Along with the written test the contestants had one last practice. The two events were the major factors in picking the team.

## A victim of Soviet invasion

### Gada Mohammad struggling to adjust to new life in U.S.A.

By Beth Shapiro

"It's been 5 years since I've seen my family. "I am very homesick," are the words coming from Gada Mohammad a 17 year old who arrived in the United States last year. He started fighting in the war in Afghanistan against the Soviets 5 years ago at the age of 12.

In his fifth year of fighting he lost his leg. He went to Pakistan and had 3 operations there and 3 more followed just recently in the U.S. His medical visa was changed to an educational visa so he could stay in this country longer. Gada Mohammad has 4 brothers and 4 sisters who are still in Afghanistan. His parents both died in the war.

The first game will be taped on Wednesday November 9th. This will air on Sunday January 8th. If the team wins this game against Kearsarge Regional High School then they will continue to tape shows for up coming months.




He is now residing with Ted and Susan Kailes of Lee. Susan is a physical therapist, Gada met her in the Portsmouth Hospital where he stayed for 6 months. Arrangements were made with Senator Humphrey so Gada could stay in the United States. Gada explained that a major difference between Afghanistan boys and girls attend separate schools. He feels he has been welcomed here. "I have only been here a short time. I can't tell if they are good people or bad people. I'll get back to you in two months." He states that not many people go to school in Afghanistan because they only have the Russian language. He has only learned English in the time he has been in this country, before arriving he knew no English.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS ENJOYING AMERICAN SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

By Linda Savage

It's hard enough adjusting to a new school, but imagine having to do it coming from a foreign country. We have four exchange students here at Oyster River. Carmen Tornos and Patricio Terry are from Spain, Katrin Sterneman from West Germany, and Janine Rothchild from Switzerland. They have all had to adjust to a new school, language, and culture as well as a new family. Each of the students is staying with families here in Durham and will be here for the year.

Katrin and Carmen both said that the hardest part of adjusting has been the language. Katrin said "it's hard having to speak in English all the time." Janine on the other hand says she loves speaking in English and her goal is to be able to speak English fluently with no accent. The main reason that these students are here is to learn to speak English better but also to experience a new kind of lifestyle. They all seem eager to do this and some have begun by joining a sport.



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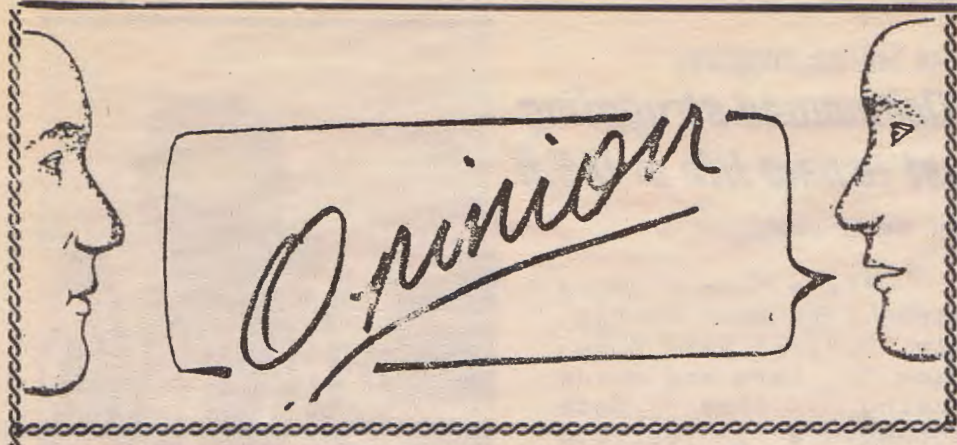
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## Editorial

### *Coe Drive speed limit unjustified*

by David Hutchinson

The twenty mph speed limit on Coe Drive is ridiculous. The Durham Town Council has set certain ordinances, [ regulations ], to unreasonable standards. Anybody who can keep to twenty mph throughout the roadway between the schools is either putting up an incredibly aggravating conscious effort, or was born before 1920.

A former class officer, presently a senior, is now a \$ 110 asset to the town due to a posted police radar speed trap. Although the reasoning behind these traps is to "protect students during school hours and during athletic events," according to Durham Police Chief Paul Gowen, student safety doesn't appear to be the real issue. Students who walk on the sidewalk between the schools are aware that cars are potentially dangerous to pedestrians and tend to stay out of the road.

Mr. Gowen states that "Officers are instructed to pull over vehicles driving at a speed that is imprudent to the conditions present." Any able-minded driver can drive down the road between the schools safely at thirty - five mph without posing a threat to students due to the good visibility provided by the wide corners. But the town of Durham seemed to think quite the opposite when they departed one of our highly respected seniors from forty - four dollars of his hard earned banking account.

Unfortunately not enough members of the Durham Town Council share The Mouth of the Rivers' opinion on this matter. So until they decide to see both sides of the story you'd better watch your step on Coe Drive.



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Tappan says that the play includes jeal-

ousy, hatred, and murder and it is very suspenseful. He says that it is a good play for the audience and that it keeps them involved, very well.

The next play will be "Our Town", by Thornton Wilder. This will be produced in March but tryouts start in the beginning of

February. Steve Denson will be directing this play. There will be 30 to 40 students in this play and most will be beginners.

The last play of the year will be the musical, "Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Steve Denson will also be directing this play, and it should be very popular. Denson said that it's the best musical tradition for that time of American history. It

## Commentary

### MIDNIGHT OIL BURNOUT

by Todd Whitten

It's 8:30 a.m., I'm sitting in class quietly dozing because my coffee hasn't kicked in yet, and suddenly there is a teacher looming over me.

"Ahem! ... why are you..." her lips pucker as she prepares to spit the next words at me, "NAPPING. IN. MY. CLASS!?"

"Well," comes the sleepy reply, "It must have had something to do with those 800 Math problems you assigned for homework last night, half of which were graphs, I might add."

"Humph. you had from 2:31 yesterday afternoon to accomplish it, and don't tell me those 3 minutes I gave you in class to work on the assignment didn't help." I smile blearily up at her since I've been through this before with most of the teachers I've had since my High School career began four years ago.

"But aren't you forgetting something Mrs. Wootenhoffer," I state calmly, too tired to get angry. "I have five other classes, and each one of them requires about an hour of homework each night."

"Well I guess you just have poor study habits. Don't do your homework in front of the T.V." I then point out that the last time I watched T.V., the A-Team was on and Cosby was doing only Jello commercials.

"Then it must be that you use your time poorly," she states; proud of herself for reaching this conclusion.

"Oh, I'm sorry. Did I fail to mention my two term papers that are due in a couple of weeks, those take up about an hour of time each night as well."

"I guess you should have started them sooner," she snaps.

will audition late in March and it will play in mid-May.

Denson said, "The plays this year are middle-of-the-road plays. Easy for the audience to follow, but most important, worthwhile for the participants of the play because they are the ones putting in their

"I was assigned the projects yesterday," is the reply.

"Still it should not take that much time if you work from the end of school until dinner."

"Oop. Silly me." (caffeine rush hits). "Did I forget to mention that play rehearsal ran for about four hours."

"That doesn't happen that often though," she states.

"You're right there," A slow smile spreads across her face. She thinks she's got me but..."That was a short rehearsal. The real ones go for about six hours at a stretch." Before she can

reply, I press forward, riding the wave of caffeine.

"Then I had Basketball practice, which lasted for two hours, and then spent a whole 15 minutes eating dinner. Then I began my homework."

"Ah so you did have time to do it."

"Well, I figured that since it was only 8:00, I could get my 5-6 hours of homework done and be able to get my 3-4 hours sleep before I had to get up at 6:00 to catch my bus. And that brings me up to the here and now."

"Well..." she says rather huffily, and closes the conversation the only way she can; by walking away.

"Excuse me Mrs. Wootenhoffer," I say.

"What!" she nearly screams.

"Have you graded the test we took last week, and those 25 homework assignments yet?"

"No." that came through clenched teeth.

"May I ask why?" Very polite, of course.

"I haven't had time," she says through clenched teeth.

"Thank you," I say as I drift back off to sleep.

time, not the audience."

"Over all the drama program is a very good experience," said senior Dan Carr. "I love being in plays, and love to see the audiences reactions. I'll try to be in as many plays as possible this year." Carr felt much more positive

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## "Last Temptation" Is Jesus degraded in Controversial film?

by Alexandria Brink

'The Last Temptation of Christ' has been the subject of much controversy in the last few months.

The opposing side says that this movie portrays Christ as a "Carnal animal who has no control over the humanity within himself." -Ann Whalen, a picketer in front of the 'Paris Cinema', the cinema at which 'Temptation' was being shown.

The opposing side, I can safely say are mainly strongly religious people who feel that their Saviour or God has been degraded by this film.

On the other hand, Gene Shalit, a well known film critic, says that, "The Last Temptation of Christ is the best movie of this year... a brilliant portrayal of Christ's era."

Now it's my turn.. I will tell you that, as a not so religious person, I enjoyed the movie not only as a drama or a trip in to the past, (The costumes and people were about as authentic as any I've seen in a Sunday school reader, except for Judas' Birkin-stocks,) but as a history lesson. I, as I've said before, am not a very religious person and could really appreciate the way the movie followed Christ's life, bringing the audience from his childhood memories up to his last few hours on the Cross.

The big controversy is about the last part of the movie when Christ is taken off the cross by a young girl who claims to be his guardian angel. This angel, who is really the devil in disguise, brings the confused and weary Jesus to a beautiful field where they meet up with Mary Magdalene and Jesus marries her.

Eventually Mary dies with child, and Jesus is once again led by his 'angel' to two women who had helped earlier in his life. Jesus marries one of these women and has many, many children with her, assured by his angel that he was never the Saviour to the world, and that he had a right a normal, mortal life.

Christ is not aware of his angel's true identity until he is on the verge of death, and an older Judas shows him the truth of his predicament... immediately after which Christ returns to the cross, in the hot sun, covered with blood, his final words being, "O Lord, why has thou forsaken me?"

As far as I can see, Jesus did not succumb to his desires, as he gave himself to God when he died, he did not die in the dreamworld that Satan had designed for him to give in too.

To say that this movie goes against the Gospel is not quite true, as the Gospel has already stated that he was tempted by Earthly things, but never gave into them, which is what happens in the movie.

In any case, if you are curious about this movie, I recommend that you go see it, it has a great soundtrack by Peter Gabriel and superb actors, but just make sure that you have three hours to blow, as it is quite a long movie.

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are Nashua, Portsmouth, and Somersworth.

The only problem with the team he feels is that they are so nice. If they want it they are going to have to fight for it. The team has had a little trouble with leadership in the team, the coach feels. "They are getting better at it," he said "But there is still a lack of leadership because the leaders last year have graduated, but it is working up."

The team members really like the new coach, Ed Sharon. "He has our best interests in mind. His positive attitude has changed the way I look at volleyball." said Emily Schawrz. Julie Bullard varsity stated, "He's a good coach with a lot of



Amy Kline and Kristin Cavanaugh catching rays.

faith and good thoughts about us as a team." The new coach is coaching both the varsity and j.v. team. In an interview he said that he likes it, but next year there will have to be a j.v. coach. He has been coaching for three years; two years at Pittsfield high school and one year, now at O.R.H.S.

The members of the varsity team are: Captains, Sonya Chu, and Gina Christenson. Emily Schward, Lauren Reale, Jen White, Becky Heath, Maggie Farrell, Julie Bullard, Missy Tappan, Sara Berndston, Christen Reale, Lesile Christenson, and Janice Philbrook.

The members of the junior varsity team are: Jen Olsen, Freedom Grissom, Hilary Mchone, Michelle Dalitz, Jen Collins, Ali Limber, Katrin Sternemann, Mandy Tappan, Sarah Heath, and Janine Rothchild.

about the selection of plays for this year than last. He felt that audiences were turned away from the plays last year but hopes this year will be different.

Greg Cowern said that "plays are good experiences and everyone should be in one at least once."

Cowern says that you don't have to be "Mr. Drama" to be in a play. "Everyone really supports you and admires you for doing

it. So if you want to participate in a play, do it because it is really fun."



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Katrin and Janine are both on J. V. volleyball and Patricio is on J. V. soccer. Carmen was on the volleyball team as well but it was too much work to do with school too. Janine will also play tennis in the spring.

All of the exchange students seem to have adjusted well considering the fact that this school is quite different from theirs. Instead of the students moving around to different classes and seeing different people in each class, the teachers move around

and the kids stay in one classroom all day. School itself isn't all together different except that here we have a lot more homework whereas in Spain, Germany or Switzerland they do more work in school then we do here and at home they just study. The teachers here are also different according to Janine, who says "the teachers are much nicer here."

Each of the exchange students say that they like it here very much and are enjoying the new lifestyle.

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## Julie Pelton: Aspiring athlete

By Michael Jackson

Julie Pelton is but one of Oyster River's most powerful and always fighting athletes. Throughout the class ranks at Oyster River, she has continuously played various sports like, since 4th grade, soccer, basketball and most recently in 10th, tennis.

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said, "I'm very impressed with Chris Russell. He's an excellent player. He came from out of nowhere like a Cinderella story."

The rest of team includes seniors: Mike Luft, Chris Anderson, Peter Canonico, Rich Matusow; juniors: Keith Elwell, Eric Sundberg, Matt Ginsburg, and sophomore Alex Collins.

The teams to beat this year, said coach Udeh and rest of the team are: Kennett, Timberlane, Goffstown and Hanover.

In the second home game of the season the team defeated Newmarket 6-1 the goal were scored by Hill, Gwinn, Saravong, Hutchinson, Saravong, and Elwell. The assists Gault, Russell, Hill, Shore, and Hutchinson.

The home opener game on Sept. 14 against Kennett 3-0 the Varsity won, goals were scored by Moore assist Collins, Hill assist Goodman and Russell assist Elwell.

In the first game of the season was against Sanborn and the Bobcats defeated them 2-0.

Of all three, she enjoys basketball the most.

On August 19 of this year, Julie contracted the virus so feared by all athletes: mononucleosis. "I don't feel in as good as shape as before and I'm much weaker. I should be recovered in about two weeks." Julie said when interviewed on September 23rd.

There are two basic sides to Julie Pelton, the athletic side and the personal side. Throughout the regular season, Julie combines both of her life-styles into one. She tries to become friends with all team members that she plays along side with. "I try to better my relationship with friends on the team only because I don't see them as much when the season is over."

The teams in each sport have taught Julie discipline and most importantly, teamwork. "To have a good team, a good player-coach relationship has to exist. It makes a big difference with the whole team effort," stated Julie.

Miss Pelton applied to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and also for a ROTC scholarship. She wants to become an engineer and someday, perhaps, a jet pilot. Her classmates wish her luck!



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As it stands this season the varsity starting line-up consists of Seniors- Tina Lamontagne, Joanna Crosby, Caroline Parent, (captain) Barbara Kelsey, (captain) Amy Draper, and (captain) Kristin Cavanaugh. Juniors- Tara Madden, Shelley Peters and Terry O'Brien; The Sophomores- Marnie Hylton and Cathy Burger (now injured). Subbing in for these players includes; senior Amy Kline, sophomores Debby Kline, Amy Troxell, Sara Whitten, and Gillian Nye.

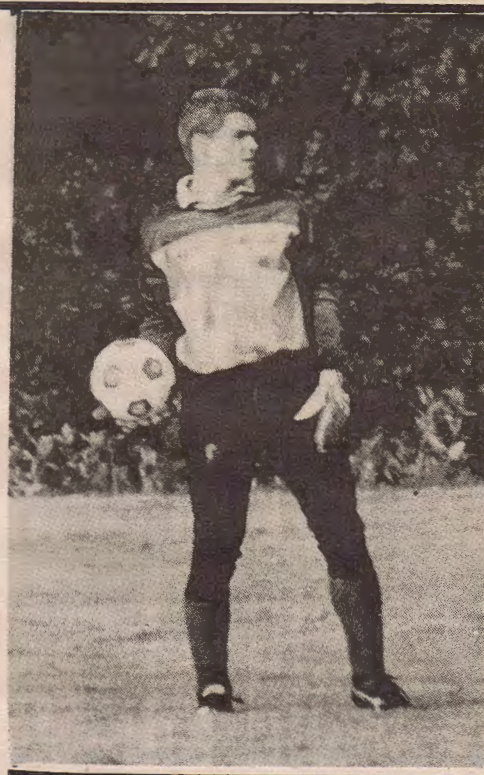
The coach of the field hockey team Lisa Horne, says "with our record being 0-10-0, every game is important. We have to face each game as a new chance to improve our record. Even though our record indicates a losing team, this field hockey team has played some terrific games against some strong teams."

This playing ability was demonstrated Wed. 9/28 game against Kennett. Which was an excellent game, when the team out shot their opponents 12 to 10, but still ended up losing 0-2.

Senior Tina Lamontagne says that "We have had problems with our main goalie this year due to illness. We have had to bring some inexperienced players to that position, which makes it harder for the team."

Shannon pounced for the occasion. "It was an opportunity not to pass up. The school has high academics, fine all-around students and a strong volleyball tradition."

The field hockey team has two coaches who are currently Lisa Horne and Lauren Young. Both of the JV and Varsity field hockey teams were combined because of the lack of JV participants. Each of the coaches has a different schedule and because of this each coach has a different day with the team. The season has started rough for the field hockey team but their hopes are on the rise.



I definitely think we are good, but lacking in some areas."

Senior Kristen Cavanaugh also agrees with this statement. She feels that "Sometimes our team works more individually than teamly, which is an important aspect of the game to miss."

The coach also states that "I try to improve the team by demanding more dedication to the team and the sport. I think many individuals have prospered this season and I feel that we have improved tremendously, however it is frustrating because do not realize just how well we are playing most of our games."

She, the coach, believes that "if each player gives 100% and then some that we will have a great team. I expect the team as a whole to be honest with each other and with the coaches and to be dedicated to the sport."

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Cindy Hughes, Jen Love, and Allison Moore; Juniors: Lisa Barney, Kathy Cunniff, Amy Martin, and Kerry Swift; Sophomores: Christine Davenport, Jen Jenkins, and Jen Thompson; and Freshman Sharon Russell.



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## New O.R. Coaches

By Michael Jackson

There are three new additions to the coaching staff at ORHS: Jim Healey, Boys JV and Team III soccer; Ed Shannon, volleyball; Lauren Young, field hockey.

Jim Healey, an Oyster River graduate and soccer player, took on the coaching job after Jeff Tolson gave up his position. "They (ORHS) were desperate for a coach," stated Jim.

"And I was looking for a job anyway." Jim has a powerful list of credentials including a coaching position on the U.S. National Soccer Team and playing experience in the American Soccer League. He seemed optimistic when asked about both

teams and their current record which is for the JV's at 6-0 and for Team III at 5-0-1.

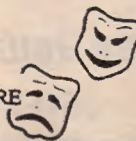
"School spirit is down," noted Jim when asked of his opinion. "Now there is no turnout like when I was in school."

On another note, school spirit is booming with the Varsity Volleyball team. "Not many (teams) get as much support," stated Ed Shannon. "The spirit is terrific."

Before coming to ORHS, Ed Shannon was the head coach at Pittsfield H.S. and assistant coach at Belmont H.S. He has

been around the game of volleyball for several years and he played the sport as a student on the UNH Volleyball Club. When the job for volleyball coach became available at ORHS,

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**Boys' soccer****BOBCATS REMAIN UNDEFEATED AS PLAYOFFS NEAR**

By: Deanna Comtois and Amy Bicknell

The boys varsity soccer team has been undefeated so far this year while winning their last game vs. Pelham 8-0. The record this year so far is 8-0. The captains Jeff Moore, Pat Casey and David Hill think that the Bobcats are going "All the way." No one on the team is claiming that the championship will be an easy task, but "If we work hard at it we can do it," said

Jeff Moore.

According to coach Udeh his team is "to go all the way to win the state championship."

Numerous team members said the major problem with the boys' soccer team is staying healthy. Since the season started, seven people have been injured: Pat Casey, Chris Mautz, Chris Dubois, Kurt Vorisek, Shawn Amazeen, Scott Goodman and Jeff Moore.

There are a lot of new players on the varsity team that have moved up from last year's junior varsity team. They include: Chris Russell, Shannon Walsh and Craig Gwinn. Goalie Jason Pollard

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Dave Hutchinson and Dave Hill converge on the ball while Eric Sundberg and Shannon Walsh move in to assist.

**Cross country record for fall Crowns and laurels mark**

By Gunnar Olson

On a rainy and cold Oct. 8th the Oyster River's Boy's and Girl's Cross Country teams won the Granite State League Championships.

The boys, without their top runner Mike Holmes, were led by tremendous effort of Mark Haggerty, Matt Fitzgerald, Mike Lavasseur, and Jim Poteet. All of whom came in first through fourth. With Sean Perry coming in 17th this gave the Bobcats the

necessary fifth runner to win with 27 points, ahead of Timberlane who had 50.

The girls dominated their own race by placing five runners in first ten places. They were led by the second place finish by Jen Thompson. Following her was Amy Martin coming in fifth, Melissa Geeslin, Kathy Cunniff, and Jen Jenkins all came in 7th, 8th, and 9th respectively. With this tremendous effort they were able to beat Timberlane 31-47.

Making up this

years boy's team are Senior: Matt Fitzgerald, Mark Haggerty, Mike Holmes, and Sean Perry; Juniors Rick Hopkins, Mike Lavasseur, and Jim Poteet; and Sophomores: Nathan Lapierre, Dave Madson, Sam Poole, and Scott Wells.

Commenting on the size of the team Lapierre said, "This year's team is so small, there are not any freshmen!"

This year's girls team has 13 members on its roster. They are Seniors: Amy Freiermuth, Kim Geeslin.

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Bobcats: Mike Holmes, Matt Fitzgerald, Mike Lavasseur, Mark Haggerty, Jim Poteet, leading the pack in meet.

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**VOLLEYBALL TEAM TIED FOR SECOND AS SEASON NEARS END**

by Kathy Mills

The O.R.H.S girls volleyball team won their most recent game against Pelham 15-3, 15-1. They started out the season with a victory against Spalding 15-2 and 15-1. Their next game against Somersworth, they were defeated 13-15 and 11-15. The team is ranked second in their division. The Junior Varsity is not ranked. Team members report a positive attitude and feel their going to be state champs. "We're going all the way," stated Janice Philbrook, a sophomore on the Varsity team.

"I think we have a lot of potential. Our coach is going to take us to the state championships," stated Julie Bullard, a junior on the varsity team.

Their spirits were high when the team took on and beat Nashua, 3-15, 15-13, 15-5 a few weeks ago.

"Nashua, Portsmouth, and Somersworth will be our hardest teams to



Sonja Chu spikes while Janice Philbrook looks on.

beat. We were happy and we all worked hard. It raised our spirits for the season," said Emily Schwarz, a senior on varsity, after they had their win against Nashua.

The coach has good thoughts that the team will make it to the finals, even state champs. "I think we have the potential to be state champs. They have the talent too. They've got to be hungry, to fight, cause it wouldn't come easily. He thinks that the top three teams to beat

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